

REMARKS

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Crane for the courtesies extended to the Applicant's attorney during a telephone interview on August 10, 2005. The foregoing amendments to the claims and the following remarks were prepared in light of the discussion during that interview.

Claims 1-12, as amended, remain for consideration in this application. The claims have been amended to specifically recite that the tooling rail is separate from the mounting rail and is detachably secured thereto by at least one fastener so that the tooling rail can be removed from the roll forming machine without removing the mounting rail. In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicant submits that all of these claims are clearly allowable and favorable action in that regard is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,425,259 to Coben et al in view of either one of US Patent No. 4,716,754 to Youngs or US Patent No. 3,529,461 to Knudson. As applied to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Coben et al is well known to the Applicant herein, who in fact is a co-inventor of that patent. Moreover, Coben et al is discussed in the specification as presenting a problem that is overcome by the

presently claimed invention. According to Coben et al, the mounting rail and the tooling rail are inseparable, both being part of the same unitary angle rail. Thus, in order to remove the tooling rail of Coben et al, the mounting rail portion is removed as well. In contrast, as set forth in the Applicant's amended claims, the tooling and mounting rails are separate components detachably secured together by at least one fastener. Accordingly, in the Applicant's claimed roll forming machine, the tooling rail alone can be removed from the machine while leaving the mounting rail in place. The Applicant submits that neither Youngs nor Knudson have any teaching or suggestion that makes up for this deficiency of Coben et al when applied to the Applicant's amended claims. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that amended Claims 1, 3-8, 10 and 12 are clearly patentable over Coben et al in view of either Youngs or Knudson and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 USC 103(a) over Coben et al in view of either Youngs or Knudson.

Claims 2, 9 and 11 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant submits that

these claims are allowable as presently constituted and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection thereto.

The prior art cited, but not relied upon, by the Examiner has been studied but is not deemed pertinent to the Applicant's claimed invention.

Claims 1-12, as amended, remain for consideration in this application. In view of the foregoing amendment and discussion, the Applicant submits that all of these claims are clearly allowable and favorable action in that regard is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 719-8961 to discuss this matter without the necessity for any further Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,  


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